

Legislative Analysis



CHIROPRACTORS TO PRESCRIBE PHYSICAL THERAPY

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House Bill 4712 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Kathy Crawford
Committee: Health Policy
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4712 would amend the Public Health Code to allow chiropractors to prescribe physical therapy services for their patients.

Now under the Public Health Code, generally, a physical therapist cannot engage in treatment of a patient unless that patient has a prescription written by a dentist, a doctor of medicine, a doctor of osteopathy, or a podiatrist. House Bill 4712 would retain this provision, and extend it, to allow a physical therapist to engage in treatment of a patient with a prescription written by a chiropractor.

In two instances, the code does allow a physical therapist to engage in treatment without a prescription from any of these health care professionals: (1) for 21 days or 10 treatments (whichever occurs first), and (2) when a patient is seeking physical therapy services to prevent injury or promote fitness. House Bill 4712 would retain both of these provisions.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4712 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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